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# Barclaycard jobs blow for 150 staff

ALMOST 150 staff at Northampton-based credit card giant Barclaycard have been told they face losing their jobs as part of plans to relocate the firm's anti-fraud operation to India.

The controversial cost-cutting move, which comes just three weeks after parent company Barclays posted record profits

of £11.6 billion, will see the much-lauded fraud department merge with an existing centre in the Indian city of Noida.

The decision means that around 140 positions will be axed at the existing UK fraud opera-

ing UK fraud operation brive, Brackmills.
Employees at the centre were informed yesterday and the *Chron* understands a series of one-to-one

understands a series of one-to-one meetings between staff and senior managers have been scheduled for the coming days. Vikki Williams, head of global

fraud operations at Barclaycard,

said: "By creating a single centre

to lead the worldwide fight against fraud, we aim to improve the experience of our customers around the world who unfortunately experience fraud, while maintaining our existing excellent service and increasing efficiency.

"I've spoken to the colleagues impacted by this decision. This is a difficult time for them and we

are making a comprehensive package of advice and support available to assist them to find alternative jobs."

It is believed that a number of those people losing their jobs are likely

to be offered an alternative position within Barclaycard but the news hit staff hard.

One employee, who asked not to be named, said: "Morale is at an all-time low. The fraud department was performing excellently.

"Fraud was significantly down last year and this is the thanks we get. It's frustrating to say the least, particularly when it comes just a weeks after Barclays announced overall profits of £11.6 billion."



Barclaycard has told nearly 150 staff that they face losing their jobs in plans to relocate anti-fraud operations

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But despite the widespread criticism from employees and leaders of the Unite union, the card giant remained confident the move would not result in a poorer service to cus-

tomers. A Barclaycard spokesman said: "Fraud is currently managed in individual centres within each country in which Barclaycard issues credit cards. "This is part of the business's ongoing programme of improving operational efficiency while maintaining the service provided to customers."

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## 99p firm in £3m move

**RECESSION** success story 99p Stores has announced plans to move into a £3 million Northampton warehouse complex, which is more than twice the size of its current base.

The bargains firm currently employs about 120 people in Daventry but when their move to a new site on the Pineham industrial estate. close to the M1 in Northampton, is completed later in the year, the firm believes the fig-

ure could increase to 300. Speaking from New York, where he is currently on a business trip, the firm's commercial director, Hussein Lalani, said: "The number of jobs will really go up once the move is completed, and we're really pleased to stay in Northamptonshire because we've had a very good five vears here.

"It's also good that we're staying close to Daventry, so we can keep our current team together.'

The new 370,000-square-foot warehouse will allow the company to store up to 40 million 99p products, which range from cosmetics to food,

and fashion to gifts.

The company currently attracts 1.5 million shoppers a week to its 129 shops across the country.

It has a store in Gold Street, Northampton.

It has said the Northamp-

ton expansion, together with a planned distribution centre for the north of England, should allow the firm to expand to 600 stores over the

next four years. And Mr Lalani said despite the improvements seen in the national economy, he believed the 99p Stores brand

would continue to thrive. He said: "I think customers who haven't come into our stores before have come in because of the recession and I think they'll definitely be staying with us afterwards.

"I can't imagine anybody saying they'll go back to their old stores and pay 50 per cent extra for the same products, it just doesn't make sense."

Last year, concerns were raised that the massive new warehouse at Pineham which the company will move into was still standing empty, a year after first being unveiled to business leaders.

It is now hoped the warehouse, which will also serve as the 99p Store's headquar-ters, will open in either May or June. The company's first 99p Store opened in North London in 2001.

In the last year, it has also taken on 56 former Woolworth stores across the country.



Hussein Lalani in the 99p Stores' current warehouse at Daventry which will move to Northampton later this year

## Plan for secure care home

PLANS to demolish three houses and a car show-room in a Northampton side street to allow a large specialist care home to be built have been revealed by a town centre-based devel-

oper.
Wellingborough firm Rochmills has revealed plans for the 0.7-acre site in Burleigh Road,

Kingsthorpe Hollow.

The scheme would see three empty houses in neighbouring Knightley Road knocked down and a used car showroom on the site also demolished. In their place would be built a 73-bed care centre for people with "severe ailments"

ple with "severe ailments" who need 24-hour care.
In documents submitted to the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC), the company said: "The site has been owned by the applicant for a number of years and is located in a predominantly located in a predominantly residential area, close to a main route to the town centre. Its location is seen as an ideal site for a specialist

an ideal site for a specialist care home facility."

The company said that, given the vulnerable nature of the people who would live at the centre, security would be an important aspect of the develop-ment, with security gates and key-coded doors used to access the building.

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A VITAL fire safety campaign which helps protect Northamptonshire people in their own homes is now under threat as a result of budget cuts.

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service installs thousands of smoke alarms in homes across the county every year but fears are rising that the service which will cost £60,000 to fund in the county this year - may now be axed because central Government funding is dry-

The news comes only days after the tragic death of pensioner, May Crouch, 88, following a chip pan fire at her bungalow in Woodland Close, Duston, Northampton, last week. Fire safety chiefs acted immediately and fitted dozens of smoke alarms into homes in the surrounding area.



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## **Doctor Who is** coming home





New Doctor Who, Matt Smith, with assistant Karen Gillan filming the new series in South Wales.

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**DOCTOR Who star Matt** Smith will return to his home town of Northampton for a premiere of his first full episode as the Time Lord at the end of this month.

The former Northampton School for Boys pupil will be joined by Karen Gillan, who plays his new assistant Amy Pond in the hit show, when the *Doctor Who* tour bus pulls into town on Wednesday, March 31.

The BBC has not yet an-

nounced where in Northampton the special screening will be held or how people can get hold of tickets, but those lucky enough to get in will see the first episode of the show's latest series three days before its expected TV debut. The show's executive pro-ducer, Piers Wenger, said:

"This is a great opportunity for the new Doctor and his companion to meet the people who matter most to Doctor

Who, the fans.
"And the chance for Matt to meet the fans in his home town will ensure the Doctor's maiden voyage is an utterly

As well as watching The

Eleventh Hour, the first episode of the 31st series of Doctor Who and the first to feature Matt in the title role, people who get into the premiere should also get the chance to

meet the two new stars.

Although none of the episodes for the new series have yet been completely finished, it has been revealed the first episode will be 20 minutes longer than a usual episode of Doctor Who and will see Matt Smith's Doctor meet his new assistant for the first time.

Internet rumours also suggest the episode may feature a shape-shifting dog and be set

across three time zones.
In the latest episode of *Doc*tor Who Magazine, Mr Wenger admitted even the new stars of the show had been nervous about watching early versions of the programme.

He said: "One of my fa

vourite moments recently was when we all sat down together to watch a really rough version of The Eleventh Hour. Matt and Karen sat on the sofa, hiding behind their

Later this month, the Chron will reveal where the exclusive Northampton screening will be held.

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# Station key to success

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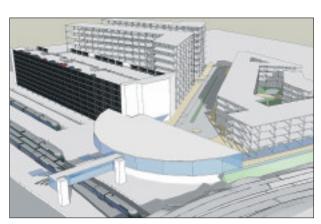
Yorkshireman John Markham became chairman of the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) at the beginning of 2009, while the group's chief executive, Peter Mawson, was appointed in July

While they admit the global recession means they did not take over the reins of the development group at the best of times, they have said residents of the town must accept that progress is possible

One of their flagship projects is the redevelopment of Northampton's Castle railway station and the creation of a series of offices and shops on land nearby.

Mr Mawson said the scheme was vital to the future of the town, but warned it would not be completed in the next couple of years.

He said: "The new station we



WNDC first drew up plans for the new railway station in Northampton in 2004.

want to see created will be a gateway to the town that the people can be really proud of.

"And while it won't be completed right away, if it wasn't for the groundwork we're doing now, the town would never get a new station. It would not happen in anyone's lifetime.

"The station at the moment is awful and the whole area around

it needs regenerating."

"A strong and successful town centre is vital to the future of Northampton."

The *Chron* first revealed in 2004 that the WNDC had plans to expand the town's railway station and build a hotel, shops, offices and houses on land close to the track. It is hoped work on the first phase will begin soon.

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RADIO 1 DJ Jo Whiley has launched a major push by Northamptonshire County Council to find more people to support disabled children and their families needing a short break.

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The Northamptonshire star is backing Share the Care week, a national initiative organised by the Shared Care Network, to raise public awareness about the need to recruit more carers.

Short breaks are opportunities for families to have time off from caring while the child enjoys a short stay with a carer. Breaks provide opportunities for disabled children to make new friends, develop their independence and enjoy new activities.

Jo, whose sister Frances has learning disabilities, said: "We grew up together and there were Radio presenter Jo Whiley, pictured with Frances.

times when it was really difficult. Frances didn't like sleeping very much, and we used to go for days and nights without any kind of sleep. It was particularly hard for my mum and dad because they were looking after her 24/7 and at times they came to breaking point.

"Life would have been a lot easier if they had had people there just to take Frances out, even if it was for a couple of hours. If it was for a day, if it was for a night, that would have been amazing. And that's why I'm really pleased to support this campaign."

According to a national report, only 30 per cent of people know about the opportunity to become a short break carer, in comparison with fostering where 80 per cent do. Cabinet member for children and young people, Councillor Andrew Grant (Con, Brackley East) said: "All kinds of people join our family link service. This can be a rewarding experience."

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## Race for Life with 'Angels'

A CANCER survivor from Northampton has called on women across the county to enter Cancer Research UK's Race for Life to help save lives.

Karen Timson, of East Hunsbury, took part in last year's event on the final day of her treatment for breast cancer and this year is back to urge women of all ages and fitness levels to join her and share amazing moments as part of the biggest female-only team in the UK.

Mum-of-two Karen is en to sign up to walk, jog or run 5km or 10km at the Silverstone Circuit in June.

Karen was diagnosed with cancer in October 2008 after a biopsy and scan at Northampton General Hospital revealed two tumours in her left breast.

After having her breast and 13 lymph nodes removed, the 49-year-old underwent chemotherapy which made her hair

She said: "My hair started coming out in clumps on Christmas Eve. I was upset because I wanted to look nice for Christmas and feel my best. My daughter Lauren said: 'Don't cry mum, I'll pin it up for you'. It looked great for Christmas but by



teaming up with a posse Karen, at front in glasses with, from left: Jo Noctor, Adrienne Hand of friends, dubbed 'Karen's Jamie John, Katie McGaw, Suzy Dion and Carol Hesketh who will Karen, at front in glasses with, from left: Jo Noctor, Adrienne Hand, Angels', to encourage wombe running the Race for Life at Silverstone CE picture mnce-05-03-10-KC-23

> New Year's Eve Lauren had to sit me in the bath and cut it all off. I started 2009

Last year Karen crossed the finish line at the Race for Life flanked by a group of friends and family, most of whom work for NHS Northampton-shire. She said: "It was a momentous occasion for me because it wasn't just the finish line for Race for Life, it was the finish line for my treatment.

"My friends were practically holding me up at the end because I was just so emotional. It was an amazing moment.

"I've had my black moments when I thought I was going to die but it's now a year since I crossed that emotional finish line. I've just had reconstructive surgery which has made me feel like myself again and life just gets better and better. Thanks to research I am still here. I am so grateful for the treatment

that saved my life."

Race for Life takes place at Silverstone at 7pm on Wednesday, June 9. To enter visit www.raceforlife.org or call 0871 641 1111

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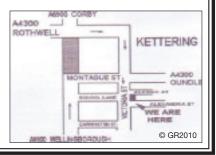
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She said: "I was really proud last year that local people pulled out all the stops to make the town bloom. This year I hope we can go even further and put Northampton on the map by doing well in the national competition.

'But it's not just about winning an award, taking part in Britain in Bloom will build our community spirit and make the town a beautiful, blossoming place.

Organisers have urged residents to get involved and brighten up the town, with prizes on offer for best garden, best commer-

cial display, best hanging basket and best community project.
The initial competition will be judged

between June 14 and 18 and the successful finalists will form part of Northampton's bid for the national titles later on in the summer.

Communities can also get involved in an It's Your Neighbourhood event between March 27 and 28.

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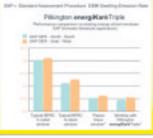
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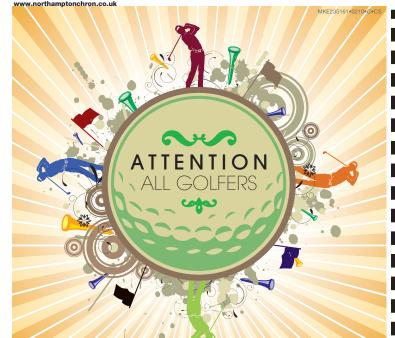
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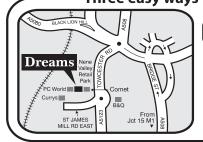


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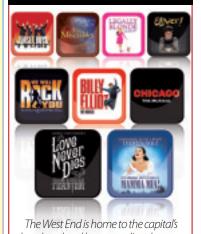
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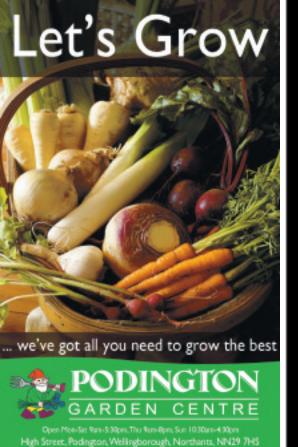
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Well, you'd be, if not quite
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Again, not much you'd say, but carrying this save-it obsession through every nook and cranny of the Mazda 2 has produced the lightest car in its class, with benefits you feel on every corner and every time you pull up at the pumps.

Most other car makers are only now jumping on the less is more bandwagon, spurred on by lawmakers threatening drastic action if their cars don't cut the amount of dirty gasses from the exhaust pipe.

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aggressive look thanks to a bigger front bump-

er, along with side skirts and a rear spoiler. The result is a car that feels light on its feet while giving an impression of solidity, especially inside where there's a lot of black, but all of it high quality plastic or cloth. Combining both virtues can't have been easy but the little Mazda 2 manages it.

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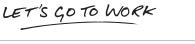
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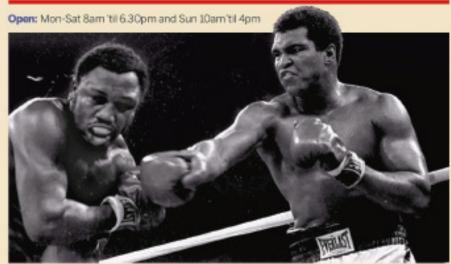
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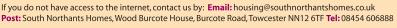
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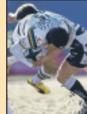
#### Cobblers on a play-off roll

IAN SAMPSON'S Northampton were impressive 3-1 winners at Port Vale to maintain their push for the promotion playoff places. They won thanks to goals from Adebayo Akinfenwa, At-a-glance sport from the Chronicle & Echo Abdul Osman and Billy McKay



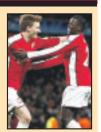
#### Saints battle

SAINTS were made to fight for their 15-7 Guinness Premiership win at Sale Sharks, Paul Diggin and Chris Ashton scoring the tries



#### **Gunners fire ARSENAL**

hammered FC Porto 5-0 to book their place in the Champions League quarter-finals



## Mallinder: Lawes ready for England

boss Mallinder says Courtney Lawes is 'fit and ready' after being called up to the England bench for the Calcutta Cup clash with Scotland.

Lawes joins team mate Ben Foden as an England replacement, with Saints skipper Dylan Hartley retaining his place in the front-row for Saturday's RBS 6 Nations clash at Murrayfield.

The three Saints players will come up against club-mate Euan Murray, who has been selected at tighthead for Scotland by former England boss Andy Robinson.

With Simon Shaw out of the clash with a shoulder injury, many pundits were calling for the inclusion of Lawes in the starting line up, but England boss Martin Johnson has gone with the more conservative Louis Deacon to partner skipper Steve Borthwick.

Johnson will be look-

ing for an impact from the bench from Lawes and, after starring in Saints' 15-7 win over Sale, Mallinder is sure the 21-year-old from Jimmy's End is up to the task.

Mallinder said: "I am sure Courtney is ready. I am sure he won't let England down if

he is given a chance."

Lawes has been back and forth between club and country since being picked for the Six Nations squad and Mallinder felt it was affecting his form.

"Courtney is the type of player who needs to play

week in, week out," said Mallinder. "He hadn't had enough rugby over the past few weeks but he has played the last couple for us.

Lawes has started the last three games for Saints after missing the previous three because of England duty and

a hamstring problem.

The former Old Scout won his first cap for England as a replacement against Australia in October.

He came on in the second row that day at Twicken-ham and England see him as a future international lock.

But Lawes' last six appearances for Saints have all been at blindside flanker. He hasn't started a game in the second row since Saints' Heineken Cup win in Italy against Treviso on Decem-

Mallinder is confident Lawes has the skills to cope playing in either position for England if needed and he was certainly back to his hard-hitting best in the win at Sale, helping to win a couple of turnovers at the breakdown as well.

Lawes came off in the second half after 59 minutes but Mallinder revealed there was no injury to worry

Saints also have a big game on Sunday as they entertain Saracens in the semi-finals of the LV= Cup at Franklin's Gardens.

The final of what is the Anglo Welsh Cup is played at Worcester's Sixways stadium the following stadium



READY TO ANSWER THE CALL - Courtney Lawes pictured in action against Sale Sharks last weekend. This Saturday he is on the bench for England for their Calcutta Cup clash against Scotland at Murrayfield

## Johnson impresses Sampson

praised the 'hard as nails' qualities of on-loan Middlesbrough defender John Johnson.

And Sampson also said he will continue to utilise Malcolm Crosby's contacts in the north-east to bring loan players from that region to Sixfields.

Johnson is one of three Boro players to have played for Northampton this season, alongside current goalkeeper Jason Steele and midfielder Josh Walker, who last week joined Town's promotion rivals Rother-ham United for a month.

Steele made a vital save in the second half of Saturday's win at Port Vale and Johnson has been a picture of consistency since first arriving at the club in September.

He has been almost ever-present

in a back four that has played a major part of the side's push for the play-offs, and his innate toughness is something that fills Sampson with

joy.
"I like to see that toughness in my players and Johnson epitomises that," he said. "He's hard as nails, the lad. He goes into tackles that I wouldn't have dreamt of going into.

"But he's sensible with it as well and he's a good footballer. I want

players who can play as well.
"I want players who are good on the ball, I don't want a team of hatchet men and it's about getting the right balance."
The Cobblers are back in Coca-

Cola League Two action this Saturday when they take on rock-bottom

Darlington at Sixfields.

Sampson's men could end the day in the promotion play-off places if results go their way.

They are three points behind seventh-placed Shrewsbury Town, who on Saturday entertain leaders Roch-

So a win for the Cobblers and defeat for the Shrews will see Town hit the top seven for the first time this season with just 10 matches remaining to play.

